

Services in the Park

Summer 2001

Discover New "Trails"

This summer, you can hike to your heart's content with a brand new "Trails Through Yellowstone" package, the latest result of the partnership between Yellowstone National Park Lodges and the Yellowstone Association Institute. This was inspired by the popularity of the "Experience Yellowstone" packages offered in the winter.

Join a Yellowstone Association Institute naturalist for four days of hiking, wildlife viewing, and discovery in the world's first national park. Popular winter "Wonderland" instructor, Nancy Procter, will lead tours each week from May 6 through October 4. Comfortable accommodations and excellent meals will be provided at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. This is an active program with daily hikes.

Packages begin each week on Sunday with an evening orientation with Nancy. Monday brings wildlife watching in Lamar Valley (can you spot a wolf?); Tuesday features an interpretive tour of the Old Faithful area; on Wednesday take a day hike in Yellowstone's spectacular backcountry; and then Thursday go for short interpretive hikes in the Canyon area and explore Hayden Valley.

"Trails" package includes:

- Expert instruction by Institute naturalist
- Four nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel in room with private bath
- Four breakfasts and lunches per person
- In-park transportation by 15-passenger van
- Optional evening programs

Package rates:

- Double Occupancy: \$509.00 per person plus tax
- Single Occupancy: \$689.00 per person plus tax

Special "Shoulder Season" rates for weeks of May 6, 13, 20, 27, and September 23, 30:

- Double Occupancy: \$447.00 per person plus tax
- Single Occupancy: \$565.00 per person plus tax

(Yellowstone Association members receive \$10 discount upon check-in. For even lower rates, inquire about a room without private bath.)

Visit www.TravelYellowstone.com for more information, or call 307-344-5566 to reserve your Trails Through Yellowstone package.



There's no better way to discover Yellowstone National Park's splendor than with our "Trails Through Yellowstone" package. Designed to educate as well as fascinate, this 4-day excursion is led by a Yellowstone Association Institute naturalist and takes you beyond mere sightseeing to show you the depth of Yellowstone's magnificence. From wildlife watching in Lamar Valley, to an interpretive tour of the Old Faithful area, to day hikes in Yellowstone's back country and Grand Canyon, you'll discover first-hand why this place is unlike any other. Yellowstone. Don't just see it, experience it.



Let the memories begin.

*Valid 5/6/01 through 10/4/01. Sunday through Thursday, based on availability, includes room with bath. Rate is per person, double occupancy. Tax not included.

"Trails through Yellowstone" package starts at \$509.00* and includes four nights stay, breakfasts and lunches, in-park transportation, and evening programs. Visit www.TravelYellowstone.com or call us at 307.344.5566 for more information and other "Experience Yellowstone" packages.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

**Lodging, dining, camping,
activities: 307-344-7311 or
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Park Information: 307-344-7381

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Fishing Bridge, and Canyon.

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YPSS Celebrates Yellowstone Explorers of Yesteryear and Today

In the 1850s, late spring snows thwarted the efforts of Captain William F. Reynolds of the Corps of Topographical Engineers to cross the Yellowstone Plateau. Lamenting his circumstances, Capt. Reynolds wrote:

We were compelled to content ourselves with listening to marvelous tales of burning plains, immense lakes, and boiling springs without being able to verify these wonders. I know of but two white men who claim to have visited this part of the Yellowstone valley—James Bridger and Robert Meldrum. The narratives of both of these men are very remarkable, and Bridger in one of his recitals describes an immense boiling spring that is the very counterpart of the geysers of Iceland. . . . I have little doubt that he spoke of what he had actually seen. The burning plains described by these men may be volcanic, or

more probably beds of lignite, similar to those on Powder River, which are known to be in a state of ignition. Bridger also insisted that immediately west [north] of the point at which we made our final effort to penetrate this singular valley, there is a stream of considerable size, which divides and flows down either side of the watershed, thus discharging its waters into both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Having seen this phenomenon on a small scale in the highlands of Maine, where a rivulet discharges a portion of its waters into the Atlantic and the remainder into the St. Lawrence, I am prepared to concede that Bridger's "Two Ocean River" may be a verity.

We trust your exploration of Yellowstone will satisfy your desire to see and experience all of the things Capt. Reynolds only heard about.